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ROLE OF NGOS IN NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided to NGOs under the National Lieracy Mission Schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of the results achieved during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has ever evaluated the performance of the NGOs involved in the Mission; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The State-wise details of the financial assistance provided to NGOs under the scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development during the last three years and the current year are at annexure.

(b) The State Resource Centres and Jan Shikshan Sansthans are the two major components of the Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. During the last three years and the current year, besides continuing their mandated role of providing academic support to the State for literacy programmes through the preparation of teaching learning/ training material, training of literacy functionaries etc., the State Resource Centres undertook various other activities including orientation and capacity building of Saakshar Bharat functionaries and facilitating implementation of Saakshar Bharat. The Jan Shikshan Sansthans have provided vocational training to 16.95 lakh beneficiaries countrywide from 2011-12

onwards and up to June 2014. The Saakshar Bharat Yatra organized in 2012 by the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti covered over 15,000 Gram Panchayats in 187 districts in 22 States of the country and generated lot of awareness about the programme and helped in environment building.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. The evaluation of the individual NGOs involved in the scheme is undertaken periodically by the National Literacy Mission Authority through external evaluating agencies. During the year 2010-2011, a total of 99 Jan Shikshan Sansthans were evaluated and during 2011-2012, 37 Jan Shikshan Sansthans were evaluated by external agencies. During 2012-13, 25 State Resource Centres were also evaluated by external agencies. The evaluating agencies had inter-alia recommended development of a mechanism of transparency in various processes, strengthening of monitoring and supervision mechanism, need for training of functionaries and giving focus on disadvantaged groups like tribals, SCs, minorities, etc. Based on the findings and recommendations, important remedial measures aimed at further improving the implementation of the Scheme have been taken which include: (i) the development of a web-based Monitoring and Information System; (ii) on-line submission and approval of Annual Action Plans; (iii) standardization of curriculum of vocational courses and certification; (iv) conduct of market surveys to identify the vocations relevant to the clientele; (v) convergence with other organizations such as DGE&T, TRIFED, NSTFDC, NIFT etc. and (vi) enhancement of allocation to Jan Shikshan Sansthans under SC Sub plan and ST Sub plan to 25 percent and 15 percent respectively.